

Suffolk County Board of Ethics
Suffolk County, New York

Minutes of Meeting Held on
March 12, 2014
Office of the Board of Ethics
335 Yaphank Avenue, Yaphank, New York 11980

Meeting: *Board Members present:* Robin Long, Richard Halverson and Linda Spahr. *Staff present:* Samantha Segal, Executive Director and Darlene Kurrass, Board Secretary, taking minutes.

Ascertainment of Quorum: The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m. by Chair, Robin Long. A roll call was conducted and a quorum was present.

Adoption of Agenda: A motion was made by Linda Spahr, seconded by Richard Halverson, to adopt the agenda. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (3-0-0).

Adoption of Minutes: A motion was made by Robin Long, seconded by Linda Spahr, to adopt the minutes of the February 26, 2014 board meeting. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (3-0-0).

Public Session: Robin Long opened Public Session. No members of the public were present and no written testimony was submitted. Robin Long closed public session.

Chair Report: The Suffolk County Legislature adopted Resolution No. 129-2014, appointing member of the Suffolk County Board of Ethics Dennis O'Doherty on March 4, 2014 and tabled the reappointments of Robin L. Long and Richard Halverson, to make technical corrections, and will be rescheduled to the March 18, 2014 agenda.

Executive Director Report: Samantha Segal discussed the following matters with the Board: Outstanding fines and debt collections, RFQ for General Counsel, interviews for a Judicial Hearing Officer, FOIL Appeals Officer and FDS departmental lists comparison.

A motion was made by Linda Spahr, seconded by Robin Long to designate Darlene Kurrass as the Freedom of Information Officer and to designate Samantha Segal as the Freedom of Information Appeals Officer by Resolution No. 001-2014. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (3-0-0).

Adoption of Annual Report: A motion was made by Robin Long, seconded by Linda Spahr to adopt the 2013 Annual Report as amended. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (3-0-0).

Executive Session: At 4:00 p.m. a motion was made by Robin Long, seconded by Richard Halverson to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing ongoing confidential matters pertaining to Financial Disclosure Statements, and four Advisory Opinions in accordance with the Suffolk County Administrative Code §A30-8 and the New York State Open Meetings Law. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (3-0-0).

During Executive Session: The Board voted on AO-2013-21 (3-0-0) and AO-2013-22 (3-0-0) and voted on standing of AO-2014-1 (3-0-0). AO-2014-2 Robin Long recused (Recusal Number RL012014) (tabled), and upon reconsideration,

A motion was made by Robin Long, seconded by Linda Spahr to restore the following matter to the calendar: FDS# 453. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (3-0-0),

A motion was made by Robin Long, seconded by Linda Spahr to withdraw the finding of reasonable cause and the notice of violation for FDS# 453. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (3-0-0).

New Business: The Suffolk County Board of Ethics wishes to note that this is the first of a series of daytime Board meetings scheduled in an attempt to provide the public with every opportunity to be heard.

The next meeting of the Board will be held on March 26, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Linda Spahr, seconded by Richard Halverson to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (3-0-0) (4:45 p.m.).